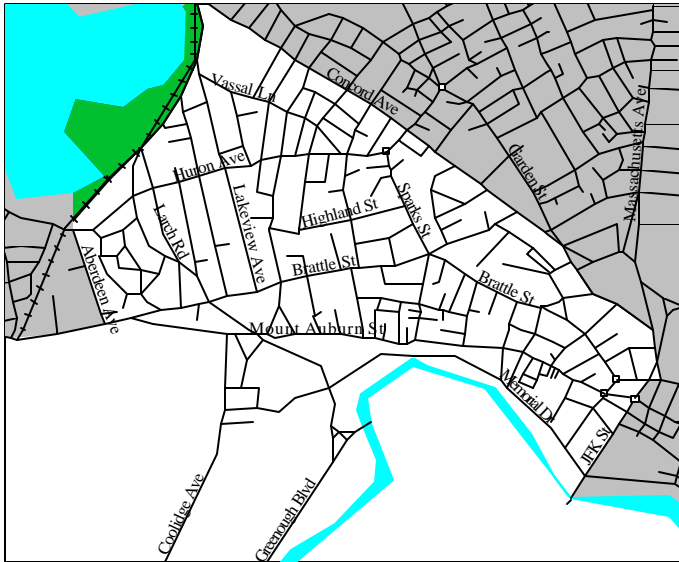
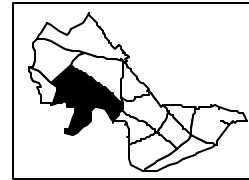


# NEIGHBORHOOD 10

## WEST CAMBRIDGE



**BOUNDARIES:** bounded by the Charles River, JFK Street, Garden Street, Concord Avenue, Fresh Pond, Aberdeen Avenue, and the Watertown line

**POPULATION:** 8,266 residents  
3,887 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**  
\$54,656

Neighborhood #10 is encompassed by the patrol boundaries of Car 4 (2 officers) and Cars 10R and 13R (1 officer cars). It also includes walking routes 10A, 10B, 10C, and Harvard 16.

### COMPARISON OF 2<sup>ND</sup> Q. TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 1999 - 2003

CRIME	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Housebreaks	15	11	15	15	11
Street Robbery	3	5	2	10	4
Auto Theft	8	9	10	13	18
Larceny from MVs	27	26	22	16	26
Malicious Destruction	29	36	61	30	43
Drug Arrests	3	7	3	2	1

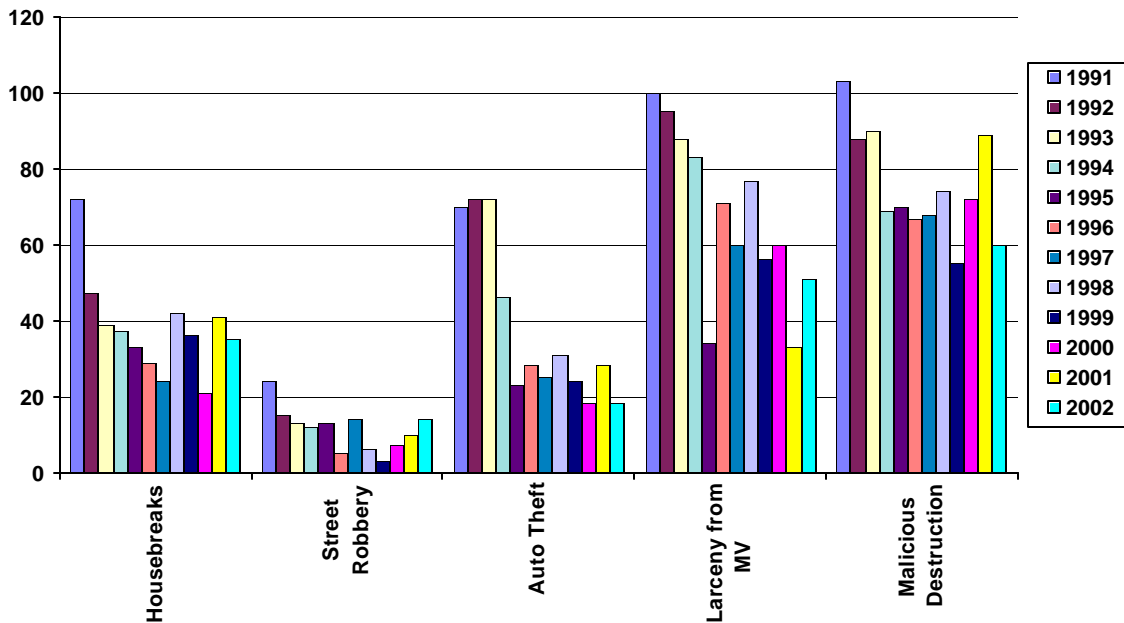
### 2003 SECOND QUARTER IN REVIEW

Eleven reported **housebreaks** for the first six months of 2003 is a decline from fifteen filed last year during the same six-month period. Nine of the eleven housebreaks occurred during the second quarter of the year spanning the months April through June. No major patterns appeared, however entries to many of the residences were gained by propping a chair under a first floor window. One arrest was made. • All of the reported **street robberies** involved groups of teenagers stopping a victim and demanding money. Each of the four reported crimes occurred between Thursdays and Saturdays. During one bizarre incident, the suspected robber walked into the police station looking for personal belongings he had dropped at the scene. He was subsequently identified by the witnesses to the crime and arrested. • Throughout the nation, Hondas Accords, Toyota Camrys and Accuras are the most likely targets for **automobile thefts**. Of the eighteen reported thefts in Cambridge, eleven motor vehicles were of the three makes and models previously mentioned, including six Accords. Early to mid-1990s models were the most sought after targets. Nine vehicles were recovered, all except one with their ignition damaged. The majority of thefts occurred during late night hours. On the night of April 8<sup>th</sup>, four cars were stolen from the same area during the same time period, all Honda Accords. • No **larceny from motor vehicle** patterns were reported. A majority of the car breaks were in May and June. The most popular form of entry was either a broken passenger side window or an unlocked door. • As with most neighborhoods, **Malicious Destruction** in West Cambridge included mostly broken windows on cars, houses and businesses. • After numerous complaints from customers, a **drug arrest** was made in the bathroom of a business in Harvard Square.

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

West Cambridge is, geographically, the largest neighborhood in the city. Its east end contains a good portion of Harvard Square, bustling with commercial traffic; its western border is marked by Fresh Pond and Kingsley Park. In between are the beautiful homes of Brattle Street, the expansive Cambridge Cemetery, Mount Auburn Hospital, and half a dozen elementary schools. *Harvard University, which has its own police department, patrols Harvard property in the eastern part of the neighborhood. Our statistics do not reflect most incidents that occur on Harvard University property.*

- Almost all of West Cambridge's target crimes are lower than average, its population is slightly higher than average.
- **Larceny from motor vehicles**, is concentrated in the area bordered by Sparks, Brattle, and Mount Auburn Street. The incidents occur primarily on weekends, late at night. The related crime of **malicious destruction** registers at average levels.
- **Housebreaks**, once a pressing problem, have been virtually eliminated. Summertime residential burglary patterns, once the scourge of West Cambridge, have not appeared for years. The 2001 total broke the trend of the lowest number of reported incidents over the past three decades.
- **Bicycle theft** patterns strike the Harvard Square area each spring and summer. The large number of bicycles parked in the area lead to high levels of theft. **Larcenies from Persons** become a problem every spring and summer around the Square and in its many commercial establishments.



### ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR WEST CAMBRIDGE AREA TARGET CRIMES

Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2002*
Housebreaks	105	4	38	8	10
Street Robbery	18	7	12	9	6
Auto Theft	105	6	42	8	10
Larceny from MVs	134	3	70	5	6
Malicious Destruction	92	8	75	7	8

\*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest